



Aboriginal Business Showcase

List of Businesses

Air North

Air North, Yukon's Airline has been taking people to great destinations in the Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta, Northwest Territories and Alaska for over 34 years. With its head office located in Whitehorse, Air North connects the Yukon's capital city to 3 major gateway cities via Boeing 737 non-stop service between Whitehorse, Yukon and Vancouver, British Columbia daily; and direct service between Whitehorse, Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta year-round.

Hawker Siddeley 748 turbo-prop scheduled service is offered between Whitehorse and Dawson City & Old Crow, Yukon as well as Inuvik, Northwest Territories and Fairbanks, Alaska (on a seasonal basis only). Air North also offers charters and cargo services throughout Northern and Western Canada.

Air North will be at the Business Showcase from February 17 to February 19, 2010.

Brenco Media

Brenco Media offers a variety of video production/television services and communication programs to private and public sector organizations. Brenco and its team of associates draw on many years of experience creating television programming, corporate videos and developing communication strategies to produce innovative programs and give clients advantage in their market and efficiency in their operations.

Production of **Tribal Treks™**, a 13-part HD reality series with a focus on Aboriginal Tourism experiences across Canada, is well underway.

Earlier this year, Brenco Media completed its first season of **Tears and Triumphs™**, an exciting television series profiling Canadian Aboriginal athletes. From hockey players like Wacey Rabbit and Carey Price, to National Diving Team member Wegadesk Gorup-Paul, to the kid next door attending karate class for the first time, you get to meet them all. A second season is in the planning stages.

Previously Brenco Media produced six seasons of the ground-breaking national television series **Venturing Forth™** focusing on Aboriginal business, economic development and culture. The series was broadcast on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN), SCN, ACCESS Alberta and Knowledge Network.

Other Brenco Media productions include videos for the Huu-ay-aht First Nation explaining the importance of treaty resolution for its members, the BC Government and First Nations Summit showcasing the history and culture of the Bonaparte Indian Band, the Nisga'a Lisims Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife, a promotional DVD for Quaaout Lodge in Chase, BC, as well as several videos for other government and corporate clients such as Shell Canada and the National Justice Institute.

Brenco Media Inc. will be at the Business Showcase from February 26 to February 28, 2010.



Chase Office Interiors Inc.

The mission at Chase Office Interiors is to make things easy for clients when it comes to office furniture projects.

Chase founder, Danny Chase (self-proclaimed improvement fanatic), is driven by a relentless passion to make customers happy. His constant desire to improve is contagious and is steadily steering Chase Office Interiors towards setting new standards in the office furniture industry.

Chase Office Interiors caters to all office furniture needs, including office space planning and layouts, project management, moving logistics and warehousing, short-term rental solutions and leasing, delivery and installation.

Chase Office Interiors will be at the Business Showcase from February 23 to February 25, 2010.

Cree Regional Economic Enterprises Company (CREECO)

CREECO is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Cree Regional Authority (CRA) acting through the Board of Compensation (BOC) with the mandate to provide services and economic opportunity, employment, training with the goal to advance the Cree Nation and attain self-sufficiency.

CREECO operates the following companies:

- Cree Construction & Development Company;
- Gestion ADC;
- Air Creebec;
- Valpiro;
- Eeyou Eenou Realty Property Inc.; and
- CREEADGA.

CREECO will be at the Business Showcase from February 17 to February 19, 2010.

Cruise North Expeditions

Inuit-owned and operated Cruise North Expeditions is the leader in Arctic expedition cruising. Their trips focus solely on Canada's eastern Arctic and Greenland. Featuring wildlife colonies including polar bears, muskox, caribou, walrus and whales, spectacular scenery, archaeological sites and cultural performances, their trips attract visitors from around the world.

Cruise North's on-board Inuit youth trainee program, Arctic Clean-Up Mission, and quest to develop tourism in Canada's north through partnerships with smaller guiding companies are some examples of how they are striving to develop the North in a responsible way, both environmentally and culturally.

Cruise North will be at the Business Showcase from February 14 to February 16, 2010.



Dorothy Grant

Internationally recognized First Nations artist and fashion designer Dorothy Grant has embraced her heritage by drawing on past culture and interpreting it for today's consumer. Her designs have innovative and dynamic graphic qualities that identify as uniquely Canadian.

Highlights of Ms. Grant's business career include: 21 years running a successful retail store, which carries a unique cultural product selection manufactured in Vancouver, BC.; an international clientele base with export sales worldwide; and permanent works in the Liverpool World Museum in the UK, the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario, the Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, the UBC Museum of Anthropology in Vancouver, the Vancouver Museum, and the Burke Museum in Seattle, Washington.

Ms. Grant is a multi-national award winner. Some of her achievements include: the BC Aboriginal Business Individual Achievement Award, 2009; Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Design Award, 2008; a Dobkin Fellowship from the School of Advanced Research, New Mexico, 2007; BC House "Best of the West" fashion show in Turin, Italy, 2006; Royal Canadian Academy, Arts Award, 2004; Asper Business Institute "Business Woman of the Year", 2003; National Aboriginal Achievement Business Award, 1999; and an Honorary Doctorate of Law degree from the University of Northern BC in 1997.

Dorothy Grant will be at the Business Showcase from February 12 to February 19, 2010.

Eskan Company

Incorporated in November 1992 and officially open for business in February 1993, the Eskan Company was created as a result of the restructuring process of the various companies under the Cree Nation of Mistissini. The purpose was to create a company that would ensure the proper management of realized projects and encourage the profitability of all its companies.

The Eskan Company is wholly owned at 100% by the Cree nation of Mistissini, this includes all its subsidiaries (Makaahiikan Construction Inc., Eenatuk Forestry Corporation, and the Mistissini Ataawaaukamikw Inc.).

The Eskan Company will be at the Business Showcase from February 17 to February 19, 2010.

Great River Journey Inc.

The Great River Journey is a unique, exclusive wilderness safari down the historic Yukon River, in Northern Canada. The journey travels approximately 700 kilometres through the heart of the Yukon wilderness – internationally acclaimed for its outstanding unspoiled wilderness, rich culture, history and warm, friendly people. The Great River Journey begins in Whitehorse, the Yukon's capital, which can be reached by direct flights from southern Canada, the United States and Europe. The journey can be combined with an Alaska Cruise.

Great River Journey will be at the Business Showcase from February 20 to February 22, 2010.



Kootenay Knitting Company Ltd.

The Kootenay Knitting Company (KKC) is located in Cranbrook, in the south-eastern part of BC. They design and manufacture knit hats, scarves, vests and sweaters for adults and children, and are located in the East Kootenays. Kootenay Knitting has been selected as an Official Licensee for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Their sweaters, hats, scarves and vests will be available this fall throughout Canada in sport stores, department stores, gift stores, and also distribution channels provided by VANOC. In addition products will be supplied to Olympic partners and sponsors.

A large part of their business is corporate sales. A benefit of being a small business is that it allows for flexibility, and exceptional customer service. This, along with a vast selection of products, has proven to be a formula for success.

One of KKC's philosophies is "keep it local," a value they believe is essential to small business success. From marketing material to wool, KKC sources as much as possible from BC and Canada, and they are proud to say that their products are made in Canada.

Kootenay Knitting will be at the Business Showcase from February 15 to February 17, 2010.

Makivik Corporation

In all of Canada, Makivik is surely unique. Established in 1975 to administer the funds from the first comprehensive Inuit land claim in Canada, the James Bay Northern Quebec Land Claim Agreement, it has done much more than "administer."

Politically, culturally and economically, Makivik has led in the building and development of a vibrant region called Nunavik, where between the dualistic nations of Canada and Quebec, Inuit have established their own distinct place and identity.

Over three decades, Makivik has become a leader within Canada and the world in successfully combining Aboriginal rights, political negotiation and business acumen into successful business and economic initiatives that contribute to the national, provincial and regional economies.

Makivik is also the leading proponent and advocate for self-government agreement for the Nunavik region that will bring responsibilities for health education and municipal services and transportation under one elected public government.

A core element in Makivik's mandate is economic development and job creation. It recognizes first and foremost the economic future of Nunavik will continue to depend on renewable and non-renewable natural resources.

Makivik's subsidiary companies include: First Air, Air Inuit, Nunavik Creations, Nunavik Furs, Halutik Enterprises, Nunavik Biosciences Incorporated, Cruise North Expeditions, Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping, Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics (PAIL), and UNAAQ Fisheries.

The Makivik Corporation will be at the Business Showcase from February 26 to February 28, 2010.



Métis Economic Development Organization

The Métis Economic Development Organization (MEDO) is the representative organization for Manitoba Métis economic development. MEDO is a business investment and management firm that works with the Manitoba Métis Federation to make key business investment decisions based on generating profit and building capacity for the long term sustainability of the Métis Nation of Manitoba.

As an investment management company, the MEDO will: invest and manage — through ownership positions or other arrangements — profit-generating businesses and partnerships; support the MMF — regions and affiliates — with business-generating opportunities; create a motivated, aligned and cohesive business network by marketing and promoting Métis businesses; and leverage opportunities to build capacity (such as employment) for Métis people.

With these guiding principles in mind, MEDO has embarked on a series of ventures as subsidiaries, including Northern Goose Processors, NRS Mail, and Ed Simard General Store.

The Métis Economic Development Organization will be at the Business Showcase from February 12 to February 14, 2010.

Nisga'a Knit and Apparel with Kootenay Knitting Company Ltd.

Kootenay Knitting Company has just celebrated its 15th year in business, and is an Official Licensee for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. What an experience it has been for everyone involved! Virtually 100% of our time and resources have been consumed by creating product for retail and creating custom collections for some of the Olympic Sponsors and Fortune 500 Corporations. The Vancouver 2010 project has been an incredible opportunity for our company.

Kootenay Knitting is proud to be a partner with Nisga'a Knit and Apparel Corp, In 2009 they successfully launched the first authentic designed knitwear featuring the Killer Whale designs. These sweaters hats and scarves are now worn by the Canadian National Cross Country Team as their official uniforms. These products have been very successful and have been expanded for 2010 to include all four of the Nisga'a Crests (Killer Whale, Wolf, Eagle and Frog). We will never forget our roots and our heritage. We are focused, we have a clear plan and we understand what we bring to the market and we sincerely hope that you share our pride with our company and staff when you reflect back onto the Winter Games this year.

Nisga's Knit and Apparel with Kootenay Knitting Company Ltd will be at the Business Showcase from February 15 to February 17, 2010.

NK'MIP, Osoyoos Indian Band

- **Senkulmen Enterprise Park:** A 112 acre environmentally sustainable business and light industrial park for the south Okanagan featuring a new border crossing at Osoyoos, superb highway linkages to Vancouver and the interior, high environmental standards, parkland reserves and stringent design guidelines. The first phase of 27 acres of fully serviced lots will be available summer 2010 for lease.



- **The NK'MIP Resort:** The NK'MIP Resort is a family of attractions and services located on the incomparable desert lands of the Osoyoos Indian Band. Sharing the site with each other, the remarkable NK'MIP attractions work as partner in harmony to deliver exceptional resort experiences.
- **Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa featuring Passatempo Restaurant:** Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa sets a new standard for premium resort accommodation in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, where scenery, culture, golf, water, wineries and sunshine all combine. Both, its architecture and the lifestyle are inspired by the natural beauty of the surrounding desert.
- **NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre:** The spectacular NK'MIP Desert Cultural Centre is the Okanagan's newest family tourism destination. The state-of-the-art interpretive centre is an architectural marvel sensitively constructed into a hillside. Extensive indoor and outdoor exhibit galleries create a fun, interactive learning environment with hands-on displays, education stations and two multi-media theatre experiences.
- **NK'MIP Cellars Winery:** The winery site is one of the most attractive in the South Okanagan with outstanding views in a setting of natural beauty. The Osoyoos Indian Band has a long history of growing grapes and owns 230 acres at the Inkameep Vineyard that were first planted in 1968. Under the expertise of trained viticulturalist Sam Baptise, new varieties are being planted each year to meet current market demands.
- **Sonora Dunes Golf Course:** Open year-round, Sonora Dunes offers golfers of all abilities a one-of-a-kind desert links golf course experience with breathtaking views of the lake, vineyard and surrounding mountains from every hole on the course.
- **NK'MIP RV Resort:** NK'MIP RV Resort is one of the South Okanagan's largest and most prestigious parks with over 300 sites ranging in service from deluxe 50-Amp full hook-up RV stalls including cable TV, to simple tenting spots with only water hook-ups.

NK'MIP will be at the Business Showcase from February 12 to February 28, 2010.

OI Group of Companies

Founded in 1981, OI Group is comprised of a number of Aboriginal-owned companies providing business support services Canada wide. Currently, they have over 150 clients in North America.

The OI Group's two main areas they showcase are:

- International partnerships- for foreign companies looking at the viability of establishing an operation or a new division or a new company in Canada. They set up and manage the entire operation including any or all of: finding a suitable location, providing Canadian corporate and employment legal advice, staffing, payroll, outsourcing of staff, benefits and pensions, bookkeeping and human resource support.



- Business support – supporting clients in any or all of the following areas: outsourcing/employee leasing, Canadian and US payrolls with virtual time keeping and Master Card options, benefit and pension plans designed to meet the needs of clients, human resource support in all related issues such as employment standards, worker compensation and health and safety claims and audits, performance evaluations, the Privacy Act, the Human Rights Act, training and development, terminations, wrongful dismissal and other labour issues, unions professional search and staffing at all levels, and bookkeeping support.

Current clients and partners of the OI Group are Native non-profit organizations, mainstream manufacturing and information technology companies and a number of companies domiciled in US.

The OI Group of Companies will be at the Business Showcase from February 18 to February 20, 2010.

Okanagan Princess Dining Tours

The Okanagan Princess is proud to introduce Kelowna's newest luxury Houseboat. This 76 foot, 2 level chic houseboat has spared no expense to ensure we are the safest boat on the water, Coast Guard and Transport Canada Inspected and Certified. To accommodate up to 88 passengers plus 8 crew members in the ultimate luxury and style. The Okanagan Princess was custom built to include every possible amenity to ensure its status as the finest cruising and dining vessels in the Okanagan Valley.

The Okanagan Princess provides guests with ample outdoor space from which to take in the breathtaking views as the cruise is underway. The elegant "Sky Lounge" includes a large wet bar under cover. The Sky Lounge is an open air observatory and entertainment zone including an elevated dance floor, 50" digital flat screen, front Bimini booth seats, observation rails and hot tub. Here you can soak up the incredible sites of the Okanagan while enjoying state of the art entertainment. Dance the night away under the stars, mingle between the decks or take a leisurely soak in the hot tub, we guarantee that you will truly enjoy the Newest Jewel of the Okanagan.

The main deck features a unique environment which can be used for pre-dinner cocktail parties and even onboard corporate meetings with its large boardroom-style setting. The main deck also includes a home style dining area seating thirty-five guests with two spacious bathrooms plus the two residential staterooms, cold storage and a grill on the back deck. Deck one also features the enclosed wheelhouse, the galley and a host of luxurious interior design pieces including a plasma flat screen and second TV for video presentations, pay per view or satellite sports.

Okanagan Princess Dining Tours will be at the Business Showcase from February 23 to February 25, 2010.



Patrick R. Stewart Architect

Patrick R. Stewart Architect is a full service architectural firm licensed in British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Patrick was the first licensed First Nations architect in B.C. He is a member of the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx. His Nisga'a name is Luugigyoo of the Killerwhale House of Daxaan.

Most of the company's work is with First Nations communities and Aboriginal organizations. Current projects include a mixed-use (commercial & residential) multi-storey building in East Vancouver; an Elders assisted living facility for the Squamish Nation; a three storey office building for the Stó:lō Nation; a community centre and a child care centre for the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx; an apartment building in Merritt, BC; townhouses in Hope, BC; extensive re-building of a men's supportive care facility and renovations; and an addition to a healing centre for the Chehalis First Nation.

Patrick R. Stewart Architect will be at the Business Showcase from February 21 to February 23, 2010.

SAY Magazine

SAY Magazine is publishing and will be distributing the first ever World Indigenous Sport, Culture & Tourism Special Edition, which will include exclusive interviews with hockey legends Reggie Leach and Theo Fleury, the First Nation Snowboard Team and musicians Gabriel Ayala and Stevie Salas.

SAY Magazine has been successfully publishing for eight years; is a professional, interesting and quality publication; has a high impression rating of over 4 times the regular magazine readership (6 to 8 readers per copy); and has won several Native American Journalists Association awards.

SAY Magazine will be at the Business Showcase from February 12 to February 14, 2010.

Structural Tech Corporation

For over twenty years, Structural Tech has stood for industrial scaffolding, structural bearings and metal products manufactured with uncompromising quality, reliability, and integrity. Structural Tech is now taking their operations to the next level. As they expand their markets in Canada, the United States, and globally, they will continue to do so with the personal service their customers expect. They know that when their customers require customized solutions, they can be assured that Structural Tech will have an innovative solution to meet their needs quickly and cost effectively. Structural Tech is more than a company, it is a community. They are owned by the Aamjiwnaang First Nation - a community at the forefront of Aboriginal economic development. The Aamjiwnaang Way is about developing long term mutually beneficial relationships, it is about building partnerships. More than ownership, Structural Tech is about being true to themselves, and developing their community members to be some of the finest tradesmen in Southern Ontario. Their customers expect excellence, they expect excellence, and their workers deliver excellence time after time. They want the world to know them. They want them to know their First Nation. They want the world to know their capabilities and expertise. In doing so, they believe that they can gain their trust and respect, and in doing so, become one of their valued corporate partners.

Structural Tech will be at the Business Showcase from February 20 to February 22, 2010.



TFN Economic Development Corporation

Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN), one of the most progressive and innovative First Nations in Canada, is a self-governing entity located in Metro Vancouver, B.C. It has recently implemented the first urban treaty in Canadian history, and the first in the BC Treaty Process. The Treaty provides TFN with municipal status over a land base of 724 hectares (1,800 acres). Development of the TFN's land base is a key component of their economic strategy. Land development will generate lease revenues, an expanding property tax base, jobs and business opportunities.

TFN created the TFN Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) to develop TFN's land assets in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner to generate revenues for TFN, while creating jobs, training and business opportunities for TFN members. With diverse land assets, a strategic location and a local labour force, TFN offers a variety of partnership opportunities. Partnerships with public and private-sector entities will help TFN realize the desired residential, commercial and industrial real estate development, and the associated economic and social benefits. By creating a competitive business climate, TEDC will forge long-term partnerships with third parties in order that will strategically realize the economic development potential of the TFN lands. They are looking for opportunities to network, and establish partnerships, with parties looking to help TFN realize their economic potential.

In 2008, TFN approved a Land Use Plan for the overall community. The plan sets out the development of a complete community with designated areas for residential commercial and industrial activities that will provide residents the opportunity to live, work and play. The Land Use Plan designates 135 hectares (335 acres) adjacent to Deltaport for industrial development. In September 2009, a detailed Industrial Lands Master Plan was completed by Parsons Brinckerhoff Vickerman & Associates, a global leader in port development planning.

TFN's Industrial Lands are located within a contiguous block of land, adjacent to Roberts Bank and Deltaport (owned by Port Metro Vancouver), Canada's largest container port complex and bulk commodities terminal. The Industrial Lands abut modern rail lines served by Class 1 railroads (CN, CP, BC Rail and BNSF) and major highways (Deltaport Way, Highway #17 and the South Fraser Perimeter Road), linking Vancouver to customers throughout North America.

The industrial real estate market in greater Vancouver is one of the most stable and attractive in North America. As a result, there is a shortage of well located lands that are suitable for the logistics and goods handling industries. The TFN Industrial Lands are ideal for this use given the location adjacent to Deltaport. The Vancouver industrial market is healthy with high land values and a low vacancy rate. Demand for space has far outpaced supply over the past decade. The overall market is the third largest in Canada with approximately 180 million square feet.

TFN's Industrial Lands will appeal to tenants of all types and sizes seeking to take advantage of a large industrial park that can provide state of the art intermodal, goods handling, light manufacturing, warehousing and distribution services.



TFN was selected to partner with Canada and BC to access \$9M in funding through Canada's Economic Action Plan. These funds will finance the servicing of the initial 40 hectares of the TFN Industrial Lands by 2011. In addition, construction of a new grade-separated entrance to the Industrial Lands, a part of the BC Government's Gateway Initiative, will be completed by 2012. This significant government investment creates an important partnership between First Nations, the private sector, and federal and provincial governments – demonstrating a new path to success for First Nations in BC.

This business park is expected to become the focus of Canada's international trade and grow to dominate the goods handling industry on the West Coast. It will become a reflection of Vancouver role as a port city and serve as the Pacific Gateway for all of North America.

The TFN Economic Development Corporation will be at the Business Showcase from February 20 to February 22, 2010.

TWN Economic Development

The Tseil-Waututh Economic Development Department (TWN EcDev) is the business and economic development arm of the Tseil-Waututh First Nation of North Vancouver, British Columbia. The TWN EcDev team includes five team members, including Leonard George, Director of TWN EcDev and former Chief of the Tseil-Waututh Nation.

The TWN EcDev was established in 2002, but was the child of Takaya Developments Ltd., established in 1994. With the success of Takaya Developments and other Tseil-Waututh Nation business units, The Nation recognized the need for a formal economic development department. The TWN EcDev functions as a member of the Management Committee of the Tseil-Waututh Nation, a body representative of the administrative units of the Nation, and reports directly to Chief and Council for the Tseil-Waututh Nation.

TWN Economic Development will be at the Business Showcase from February 12 to February 14, 2010.

Turtle Island News

Turtle Island News is Canada's only national native weekly newspaper, published every week at the Grand River Territory of the Six Nations in southern Ontario. It is a politically independent newspaper that is wholly owned and operated by Aboriginal People.

Turtle Island News will be at the Business Showcase from February 24 to February 26, 2010.

Yukon Indian Development Corporation Ltd.

Yukon Indian Development Corporation is owned by all 14 Yukon First Nations. They own many subsidiary businesses, including shares in First Nation Bank, Northern Vision Development, the Yukon's largest real estate development company, and other successful northern businesses.



YIDC has a history of building the business community and invests with their shareholders for other joint ventures. They have equity in NASCo, Lynn Office Rental Properties, FNBC, Northern Vision Development Limited Partnership, and BLING.

YIDC will be at the Business Showcase from February 17 to February 19, 2010.

Wahta Springs

Wahta Springs (Wahta meaning 'sugar maple') is located in Muskoka, Ontario, atop the Precambrian Shield. Dotted with lakes and rocky outcrops, protected and undisturbed miles of woodlands encircle our 50,000 square foot facility. We continue to protect our beautiful surroundings with our environmentally safe systems. Today, Wahta Springs shares generations of history, heritage and knowledge in the environment around us.

Wahta Springs will be at the Business Showcase from February 12 to February 16, 2010.

More Information

For more information, please visit fourhostfirstnations.com.

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2010 Aboriginal Pavilion
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